

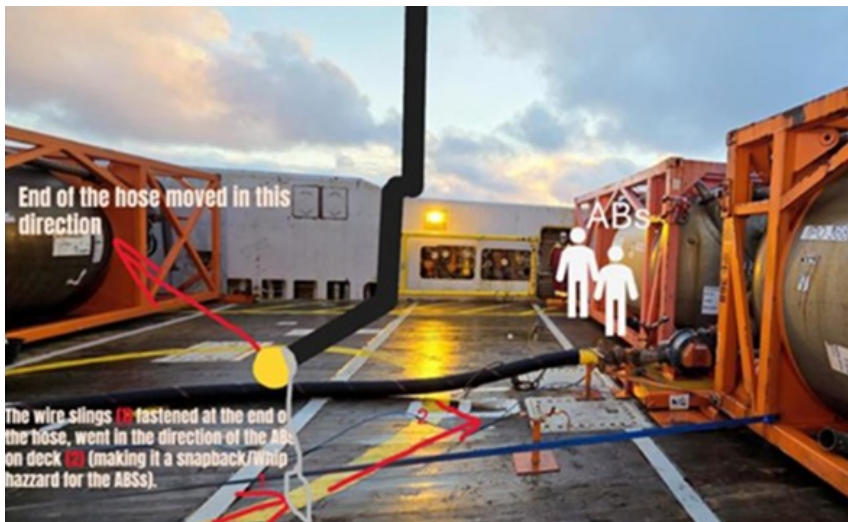
MSF: Unsecured bulk hose near miss

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The Marine Safety Forum (MSF) published [Safety Alert 25-17](#), relating to an incident in which a stored bulk hose moved in an unplanned way and almost struck a crew member.

What happened?

During hose transfer operations on a platform supply vessel in challenging weather, a hose was left unsecured on deck. The hose subsequently slipped off the deck, nearly striking a crew member. The operation was promptly aborted by the Captain, and a debrief was held to discuss the incident.



What went wrong?

The vessel owner noted the following “key contributing factors”

- Miscommunication between deck crew and crane operator.
- Defective radio communication.
- Insufficient hose length on deck.
- Heavy weather conditions.

Lessons to learn

- Communications: Ensure all operations begin only after clear communications are confirmed between all parties.
- Ensure radio communications equipment remains in good order through regular inspection and maintenance.

IOGP Life Saving Rules:



Safe mechanical lifting



Line of fire

- Ensure that the right equipment – in this case, the sufficient length of hose - is available and properly secured before starting operations, especially in adverse weather.
- Take particular care in heavy weather conditions:
 - Should we be doing this at all right now?
 - Can the task be done in a different way or can it be done later?

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